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Convicted spy Christopher Boyce says he willingly turned secret information over to the Soviet Union and he doesn't mind being called a traitor to the United States.

"No, I think the United States government needs a few more traitors. Humanity needs a few more," Boyce said in an interview on Sunday's broadcast of the CBS-TV program "60 Minutes."

Boyce, convicted of espionage for selling defense secrets to the Soviets, was sentenced to 40 years in prison but escaped after serving two years. He was recaptured after 19 months of freedom, during which time he supported himself by robbing banks.

In the interview, Boyce detailed the lack of security at TRW, a firm where he worked in a code room that gave him access to defense secrets.

"There was no security," Boyce said. "Like, the codes are supposed to be destroyed every day but we used to just throw them in the corner. And, there was a large blender to put the codes in and we'd blend them down to mush. Well they never used that to, to destroy codes with. We would, we made daiquiris in it."

He said he would smuggle out documents in a bag he used to bring in liquor for his superiors.

Julie M. Wright, public relations director for TRW's Los Angeles office, said Sunday that Boyce's defense lawyers had suggested laxity of security at the company in trying to get a more lenient sentence, but the judge had decided those claims were not supported by testimony.

"We have to have some reservations about getting into a dialogue with some individual who is a spy, who is a traitor to his country," she added.

Boyce said he became a spy for idealistic reasons. He claimed to have information that the CIA had meddled in Australian labor strikes and helped topple the government of former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

"It's supposed to be an independent, English speaking, parliamentary democracy," Boyce said. "And if we're not ... playing it straight with those guys, we're not even playing it straight with ourselves."

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., who was also interviewed, said of Boyce's allegations: "It's just another lie from that lying young man. Our government has not, in any way, been involved in the internal politics of Australia."

Moynihan, who is vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he believed that the espionage was responsible for the failure in the Senate of the strategic arms limitations treaty.

"Basically, with respect to the satellite systems that were compromised, they made them, temporarily, at least, useless to us. Because the Soviets could block them. And, the fear that that would happen, had happened, permeated the Senate and, as much as any one thing was responsible for the failure of the SALT